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John Waggoner House
Iowa Penn Central Regional Shopping Center
301 First Ave. West
Oskaloosa
Mahaska County
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Location: 301 First Ave. West, Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa.

Description: The house has a number of Italianate elements, including a projecting bay, roof accented with large brackets, and bracketed porch roof, doors and windows. The wood-frame building, now covered with cement-asbestos shingles, measures approximately 28' x 45' with projecting bays. Projecting porches were removed from the second and third floors on the west side.

There are several interior features of note, including the woodwork on the stairway; door, window, and cabinet hardware; a light fixture in the living room; door and window trim; and beveled glass in the east bay window. On the second floor, there are ornamental hinges, hardware and doorknobs, as well as original bathroom light fixtures. Ornamental hinges and door hardware are also found on the third floor.

History: The house was built in the early 1870s by John Waggoner, a carpenter who had lived in Oskaloosa since 1851, who lived here with his wife. The owner from 1973 until 1983 was Mildred Wick.

Sources: Iowa Site Inventory; County Deed Records; Oskaloosa City Directories; Case Report Information; Salvage Field Survey conducted May 1984; Building Conditions Survey conducted April 1983.

Project Information: Plans call for demolition of this building in fall 1984. This historical documentation was completed by the Urban Programming Corporation during May, June and July of 1984. It is one portion of the historical/architectural recordation of seven city blocks in downtown Oskaloosa prepared for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS). For more information, see HABS No. IA-147.

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